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SUBJECT: EARLY WARNING: DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF GAS
ABSORPTION PLANT.

1. BOLIVIAN NATIONAL HYDROCARBONS COMPANY, YACIMIENTOS PETRO-
LIFEROS FISCALES BOLIVIANOS (YPFB) WILL ANNOUNCE INVITATION
TO BID ON A GAS ABSORPTION PLANT IN EARLY 1976. PLANT WILL
SEPARATE BUTANE AND PROPANE LIQUIDS FROM METHANE GAS.
PLANT WILL TREAT 13 MILLION EFPD AND EXTRACT 2100 BB. OF LPG.
PLANT TO BE LOCATED NORTH OF SANTA CRUZ AT COLPA. ESTIMATED
COST OF PLANT IS US\$ 5.8 MILLION. YPFB IS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER
PLANT WILL BE TURNKEY OR NOT. GAS WILL COME FROM COLPA
FILED AND OTHERS IN AREA. BOLIVIAN GAS IS SOLD TO ARGENTINA
WHICH HAS A GAS ABSORPTION PLANT ON ITS SIDE OF BORDER.
ARGENTINA HAS CONTRACTED FOR CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PROPANE AND
BUTANE BUT THIS WILL COME FROM RIO GRANDE FIELD SOUTH OF
SANTA CRUZ AND A NEW PIPELINE HOOK-UP BETWEEN LOS MONOS
FIELD EAST OF TARIJA AND MAIN GASLINE TO ARGENTINA WHICH
PASSES NEARBY. FINANCING
FOR PLANT WILL BE 40PERCENT YPFB AND 60 PERCENT CREDIT TO BE
ARRANGED.

2. EMBASSY WILL KEEP WASHINGTON INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND
FORWARD COPY OF BID DOCUMENTS WHEN AVAILABLE. FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION INTERESTED COMPANIES MAY CONTACT MINATT J. CURRY
OR COMATT E. ROJAS AT U.S. EMBASSY, LA PAZ.

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